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Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116
Expedited Procedure Requested
Examining Group: P21332

Attorney Docket No.

In re application of : Toshiro TSUCHIDA et al

Serial No. : 09/986,586

Group Art Unit: 3713

Filed : November 9, 2001

Examiner: C.M. Marks

For : Video Game Apparatus and Control Method Thereof, and Program of
Video Game and Computer-Readable Recording Medium Having Program
Recorded Thereon

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in the above-captioned application.

___ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

___ A Request for Extension of Time.

___ No Additional Fee.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Sir :

In response to the Official Action of January 21, 2004, in which a three month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on April 21, 2004, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this Reply.